

## **Airport Manager Report**

## January 2022

A new Private Pilot Ground School class will begin January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Terminal Building. This 10-week class will prepare flight students to take and pass the FAA knowledge test for a Private Pilot rating. The class will be full with 10 students attending, and be taught by 2 flight instructors. Flight lessons are still ongoing, but with the winter weather, they are much more sporadic.

I was notified in late December that the airport will be receiving additional infrastructure funding from the federal level. Part of the Infrastructure Bill that was passed by Congress and signed by President Biden, will provide an additional \$159,000 per year for the next 5 years to our airport. This is in addition to the \$150,000 Federal AIP funding that we already receive. Details are still being worked out as to how the State will receive and administer the funds, but this funding will be eligible for projects that are in our 5-year plan. Our hopes will be to accelerate the timeline of existing projects and upgrade our existing pavements sooner. Currently, we need more hangar rental space. But in order to use the AIP funding for this, our primary pavements must score a 70 or better. Hopefully, with this increased funding, we can get our pavements improved and be working towards hangar rentals sooner. Lack of hangar space is the main item restricting our growth as an airport.

Best Regards,

Gary Todd - Airport Manager